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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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16/08/2013: Marc, WB2JUF, is now active holiday style from Weston, St. James parish, island of Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA 0999) until 18 August, 2013. No specific times on the air - as time permits; likely early evenings. Focus will be on 80/75, 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres, if antenna permits. QSL via home call, direct (SASE in USA) or bureau. [DXAT]

16/08/2013: Operators Mohd 9M2YOT, Aimil 9M2AUR, Syamsul 9M2ESM, Abdul 9M2ARR, Kamarul 9M2TRX, Mohamad 9M2UST, Nazmi 9W2GSG, Mohd 9W2EJT, Hanizan 9W2JUM and Khairul 9W2FNN will be active from Undan Island (AS-097) as 9M2MI between 16-18th August, 2013. They will activate the Pulau Undan Lighthouse (ILLW MY0017, WLOL WMA-013, WLOTA 3792) during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. QRV on 40-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL Direct to 9M2YOT. Website: www.melakadxclub.blogspot.com/ [9W2PD]

16/08/2013: Members of the Gwangju DX Club (6L0NJ) will be active as D7G from Jindo Island (AS-060) from about 6 UTC on 16 August until about 2 UTC on the 18th. They will operate CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY on 80-10 metres. QSL via 6L0NJ, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

16/08/2013: The Lagan Valley ARS (GI4GTY) will be active as GB0REL from the East Lighthouse (ILLW UK-0055, ARLHS NTI-011, BARLS A6062, TWLHD WLH GI-001, WLOTA 0039) on Rathlin Island (EU-122), Northern Ireland, from 16-18 August, 2013. QSL via LoTW only. [425 DX News]

16/08/2013: Bela, HA9SU/p and Lali, HA9CM/p will be active from the Tarnavideki TK Biosphere Reserve Area (WWFF HAFF-044) from about 1100-1200 UTC 16th August until 0500 UTC 17th August, 2013. "The QTH will be in the middle of the forest, so we hope, not be problem with propagation! We will QRV over (local) night for DX stations. RIG: JST-245, ant. 5 Band GP. (but our portable antenna work only on 40/20m with good SWR). Maybe separate dipole for 15m. QSL via home calls. Logs will be upload to WWFF on-line log! [HA9SU]

16/08/2013: Carlos, LU8DCH, is currently active as LU8DCH/D from Isla Martin Garcia (SA-055) and lighthouse (ILLW AR-0022, ARLHS ARG-045, TWLHD WLH LU-005) until 18th August 2013. QRV on all HF bands, including participation in the ILLW. QSL via home call, direct and eQSL. [rsgbiota.org]

16/08/2013: Greenland YL Expedition 2013 will take place from 16-20th August 2013 from the Club and Contest station, in Kangerlussuaq (aka Sonderstrom), Greenland (NA-018, WLOTA 0072, WWFF OZFF-006, WW Loc. GP47PA). The team will be QRV on all HF bands and modes, using the callsign OX5YL. Team members include Unni LA6RHA, Mio JR3MVF, Chae HL1KDW, Kay WA0WOF and Solveig SM6KAT. QSL is okay via the bureau to PA5YL or direct 2$ + SAE (Chantal Beer-PA5YL, Keulenheide 1, 6373 AP Landgraaf-NL). Further information can be found on their website at: home.online.no/~la6rha/greenland2013.htm [DX World]

16/08/2013: Look for Jerzy SP2BIK, Andrzej SP2BRN, Jerzy SP2IZC and Piotr SP2TQW to be active as SN2NP from the historic lighthouse at Gdansk Nowy Port (ILLW PL-0003) on 16-18th August, 2013. QSL via SP2BIK, direct or bureau. [425

DX News]

16/08/2013: Members from the Adelaide Hills Amateur Radio Society (AHARS), will be travelling to Kangaroo Island (OC-139, WW Loc. PF94BD) from 16-20th August, 2013. They will be active as VK5CWL (Cape Willoughby Lighthouse - ILLW AU-0095, WLOTA 0869, Admiralty K 2112) over the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) weekend. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via VK5PAS, direct, by the bureau or LoTW or eQSL. For more information, check QRZ.com or the VK5CWL website at: vk5cwl.weebly.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

17/08/2013: This year the Radio Society of Sri Lanka's annual activity during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (17-18 August) will take place from Dondra Head Lighthouse (ILLW LK-0001, ARLHS SLI-001, WLOTA 0762), on the extreme southern tip of the main island (AS-003). Look for 4S7LGT to be QRV on 40-15 metres. QSL via the bureau. [425 DX News]

17/08/2013: Members of Grupo DX Gran Canaria and URE Las Palmas will be active on 17th and 18th August as AO8LH from the lighthouse Punta de la Aldea (FEA D2814.7, ARLHS CAI-032, WLOTA 0969, WW Loc. IL28CA), Isla de Gran Canaria (AF-004, DIE S-005, DME 35020) on all HF bands (CW, SSB and RTTY). QSL via EA8AKN and LoTW. [EA8RM]

17/08/2013: Jose Luis CT1GZB (SSB and CW), Carlos CT1CSY (SSB) and Rafael CT2JXT (PSK31 and RTTY) will be active as CR6LH from the lighthouse at Cabo Raso (ILLW PT-0003, DFP FBA-02, PFFP FP-057, ARLHS POR-011, DPRN FF-012, WWFF CTFF-012) on 17-18 August for the ILLW. QSL via CT1GZB, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

17/08/2013: The Associacao de Radioamadores da Vila de Moscavide will be active as CS2HNI from within the premises of the lighthouse at Forte do Cavalo (DFP FES-12, ILLW PT-0012, ARLHS POR-021, DCFP F-038) during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 2013 (17-18 August). QRV on 40-10 metre SSB. QSL via CT1RVM, bureau preferred. This is a special event station "in memoriam" of our beloved friend Artur Gil - CT2HNI. [ARVM]

17/08/2013: A group of operators from ARI Genova (IQ1GE) will be active as II1L from La Lanterna di Genova (ILLW IT-0005, ARLHS ITA-177, WAIL LI-005, WAIS BR14) for the ILLW on 17-18th August, 2013. QSL via the bureau preferred. [425 DX News]

17/08/2013: Francois ON4LO/p will be active on 17th and 18th August from the Antwerp Marina Harbour lighthouse (ARLHS BEL-042). Activity will be on 80-10 metres using IC746, ACOM1000, vertical and dipole antennas. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [UBA HF News]

17/08/2013: Kurt, ON4CB and others will be active on 80-10 metres as OR9W/p from lightship "West-Hinder I" (ARLHS BEL-026) on 17-18th August 2013 for the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend. QSL via ON4CB. [425 DX News]

17/08/2013: Dieter, DF2SD, will activate the island of Fano (EU-125, DIA NS-002, WWFF OZFF-004), holiday style, as OZ/DF2SD between 17-30 August 2013. He will be on the WARC bands only (20m, 17m, 12m), mainly RTTY with some SSB, for a few hours each day. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/df2sd [rsgbiota.org]

17/08/2013: Members of the Georgian Bay Amateur Radio Club, VE3OSR, will activate the Cabot Head lighthouse (ILLW CA-0032, ARLHS CAN-067, WW Loc. EN95IF) for the International lighthouse/lightship Weekend. Activity will take place on the 17th of August from 1300z to 2300z, on the HF bands. QSL via the bureau or

direct (QRZ.com). Website: www.gbarc.ca/ [ILLW]

17/08/2013: Cory, KC9NOJ, and possibly some other members of the the Mississippi Valley Amateur Radio Association will us the club callsign W9MVA to activate Goose Island (USi WI-034R, Not IOTA, WW Loc. EN43JR), Mississippi River, La Crosse County, Wisconsin, on 17th August, 2013. QRV mainly on 14.260 MHz and other island/IOTA frequencies. QSL via W9MVA (QRZ.com). [USi]

18/08/2013: Jim, AE1C, will be active holiday style as AE1C/VE9 from Grand Manan Island (NA-014, CIsA NB003, WLOTA 0082) from 18-25 August 2013. QRV on the HF bands with 200 watts and vertical antenna. QSL via home call, LoTW preferred; otherwise eQSL or direct. [rsgbiota.org]

18/08/2013: Steven, N1BKB, plans activity from the island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118) as V25SB between 18-23 August. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style, mainly SSB and CW. QSL direct to N1BKB (Steven G Belasco, 1835 Skyline Way, Fullerton, CA 92831-1936 USA). SASE, or SAE with postage for non-US stations please. [DXAT]

18/08/2013: Guy, VA2WT/p, will attempt a first time activation of La Mauricie National Park (WWFF VEFF-047), Province of Quebec, on 18th or 19th August, 2013 (weather dependent). He will run 100 watts, CW and SSB, to mobile vertical antenna. Frequencies - CW: 10.124, 14.044, 18.094, 21.044 MHz and 50.110 MHz +/- QRM if the band opens. Some SSB: 14.244 and 21.244 MHz (+/-). Guy will be located at the highest point between Lake Brodeur and Lake Wapizagonke (WW Loc. FN36LP). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Log will be uploaded to WWFF logsearch. [VA2WT]

20/08/2013: The Grupo DX Caracas has plans be active as YW5X from Isla La Orchila (SA-054, DIV-038, WLOTA 3044) on 20-26 August, 2013. QSL via DM4TI. [425 DX News]

21/08/2013: Look for Rich, KE1B and Ann, W6NN to be active as 9H3MMM and 9H3NN, respectively, from the island of Gozo (EU-023, MIA MM-004, WLOTA 0046) from 21-16 August 2013. Operation will be holiday style on 40-10m (including WARC), CW/SSB/RTTY, using 100W and Buddipole antenna system. QSL via home calls. All logs will be uploaded to LoTW and eQSL after the DXpedition (late August 2013). Online log search for both calls will be hosted by Clublog. Website: www.qrz.com/db/9H3MMM [NG3K]

22/08/2013: Tomas, VK2CCC, plans a spare time activation of Lord Howe Island (OC-004, WWFF VKFF-295) between 22-29 September 2013. Activity will be limited to only 160 and 80 metres. QSL LoTW, bureau, direct to VK2CCC. Website: www.qrz.com/db/VK9LL [DX World]

23/08/2013: Hans, ON6ZK, will be active holiday style as SV5/ON6ZK/p from the island of Kos (EU-001, GIOTA DKS-043, MIA MGD-016, WLOTA 1730) from 23-30 August, 2013. QRV on 20 metre SSB (14170 kHz) and CW (14050 kHz) using FT857 at 50 Watts to a fishstick pole as a 1/4 vertical from the hotel balcony. QSL preferred via the bureau, direct with SASE. [NG3K]

23/08/2013: A team consisting Gil F4FET, Juan F5IRC, Vincent F4BKV, Antoine F5RAB, Marc F8DRA and Diego F4HAU plan to be active as TM0SM from Ile du Large [Iles Saint Marcouf] (EU-081, DIFM MA-001, WW Loc. IN99KL) from 23-25 August, 2013. They will also activate Ile du Large lighthouse (DPLF PB-052, ARLHS FRA 055, TWLHD WLH F-061, WLOTA 0060) and the Fort de l'Ile du Large (DFCF 50-013, WCA F-02100). Plans are to be QRV on 40 metre to 6 metre SSB and CW. QSL via F5CWU, direct or bureau. Further information is available on their website at: tm0sm.webs.com/ [DX World]

LOOKING AHEAD -

31/08/2013: Rick, AI5P, plans activity from Central America throughout September. Itinerary as follows: HP1/AI5P from Panama between 31 August and 6 September. YS1/AI5P from El Salvador, 6-12 September. YN2PX from Grenada, Nicaragua, between 12-23 September, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, mainly CW. QSL via home call. [DX World]

07/09/2013: The Delta Amateur Radio Society will celebrate the restoration of the Harris Barn in Delta, BC, on 7th and 8th September 2013 with multiple stations using callsigns VE7SUN/V######. QRV on all bands and modes. QSL cards are available for all contacts on request and work 3 or more special event stations and submit for a downloadable certificate. Full information is available on their website at: deltaamateurradio.com/hb/ [RAC]

21/09/2013: Members of the Shuswap Amateur Radio Club, VE7RC, plan a first activation of Copper Island (CIsA NEW!, WW Loc. DO00HV) in Shuswap Lake, British Columbia, on 21st and 22nd September, 2013. This activation will qualify for the Canadian Islands Awards Program (CIsA). Planned frequencies: 3.810, 7.210, 14.110 and 14.210 MHz. QSL direct to: Ron Essex, c/o Shuswap Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 2613, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4R5, Canada. Webpage: www.sarc.ca/blog [RAC]

13/11/2013: Klaus, DD1AY, will once again be active as 9H3GK from the Dolmen Resort Hotel, Bugibba, St. Paul's Bay, island of Malta (EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113) between 13th November and 4th December, 2013. QRV on the HF bands, mainly SSB, using FT-100, PS 30SW, DX-Wire and MC 60. QSL via home call, direct preferred (see www.qrz.com/db/9H3GK for more information). [DD1AY]

17/11/2013: Operators Wlodek SP6EQZ, Wojciech SP9PT, Bogdan SP2EBG, Jan SP3CYY, Jurek SP3GEM, Janusz SP6IXF and Roman SP9FOW will be active as J88HL from St. Vincent & Grenadines (NA-109, WLOTA 0492, Grid Loc. FK93) between 17-29 November, 2013. QRV on 160-6 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. Plans are to keep at least three stations running 24 hours a day. Each one with a power amplifier. They will be studying and observing propagation forecasts, bands openings etc. The team will have all operating positions connected to the computer network and to upload their logs to the ClubLog almost in real time. On 6 metres they will be using 4 el Yagi and 100W and will be looking for openings. QSL manager is TBD. They recommend using ClubLog OQRS for all requests. Further information and updates on their website at: j88hl.dxing.pl/ [DX World]

23/11/2013: Look for Chris, GM3WOJ, to be active from the Isle of Man (EU-116, WLOTA 0449, WW Loc. IO74QD) for the CQWW DX CW Contest (23-24 November). Plans are for a Single-Op/All-Band/High Power entry from CQ zone 14. QSL direct only to GD6IA (QRZ.com). Website: www.gd6ia.com/ [NG3K]

23/11/2013: Alan, N3AD, plans a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (23-24 November) from the Team Antigua QTH in Gunthorpes, Saint George Parish, island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA 1118, WW Loc. FK97BC). He will use the callsign VP2MMM. Look for some before and after contest activity on the HF bands. QSL via W3HNK. [NG3K]

21/05/2014: Dave, WJ2O, plans to be active from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WLOTA 1279, WWFF PAFF-024, Grid Loc. FK52) as PJ4/homecall from 21-28 May, 2014. Activity will be on all HF bands (maybe 6 metres), mainly CW, including a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the CQWW WPX CW Contest (24-25 May). QSL via N2ZN (Ken Boasi, 5018 Ontario Center Road, Walworth, NY 14568 USA). [NG3K]

16/07/2014: Rick ('The Locust'), K6VVA, plans to activate Crescent Island (NA-172, USi AK-NEW!) from 16-18th July, 2014. QRV on the HF bands, mainly CW. Full information and updates at: www.k6vva.com/iota/na172 and also on twitter

at: twitter.com/k6vva [rsgbiota.org]

21/07/2014: Rick ('The Locust'), K6VVA, plans to activate Endeavor [aka Endicott] Island (NA-004, USi AK-046S) from 21-22 July, 2014. QRV on the HF bands, mainly CW. Full information and updates at: www.k6vva.com/iota/na172 and also on twitter at: twitter.com/k6vva [rsgbiota.org]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

16/08/2013: Special callsign OM150MS celebrates the 150th anniversary of Matica slovenska, a Slovak cultural institution, with its headquarters in Martin City. Operating until 31 December 2013 on all bands by OM3KHT club station members. QSL via OM3KHT (OM6AT). [DXNL]

16/08/2013: R01DTV calls attention to the start of the digital terrestric television one year ago (and also to 12 years of the Russian Television and Radio Broadcasting Network). Team RT6A, Krasnodar, Russia, will be on the air using the following callsigns: R01DTV/3 on 16 August (HF all modes) and R01DTV/4 on 17-18 August (HF CW and SSB). QSL via R7AA. [DXNL]

17/08/2013: The special event station GB558VUL is operating to support an effort of getting the last Vulcan XH558 aircraft back into the air. QRV 17-18 August, 24 August - 1 September; and 7-8 September, 2013. QSL via bureau, direct via M0JEC, and eQSL upon request. Websites: www.vulcantothesky.org/ and www.operation2015.org/ [DXNL]

19/08/2013: The Council of Europe Radio Amateur Club (CERAC) in partnership with the Association Royale des Radio Amateur du Maroc (ARRAM) will be active as from 19th August 12013 at 23H00 UTC with the special call 5C0CE to commemorate the Revolution, the King and the People, (20th August) and Youth celebration's day (21st August). QSL via F5LGF. Logs on line: www.tp2ce.eu/ ARRAM Web site: www.arram.org/ [F6FQK]

19/08/2013: Special callsign PA6SAIL will be active between 19 August and 10 September 2013 for the Sail de Ruyter, the annual gathering of historic ships in Vlissingen. Look for activity on the HF bands CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY, plus 6m and 2m. QSL via PA3GEO, direct or bureau. [425 DX News]

22/08/2013: The SYLRA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs) 10 year anniversary meeting will take place in Roskilde, Denmark, 22nd August till 25th August 2013. Special station OZ6SYL will be active during the meeting on all bands and modes. Further info at: oz.sylra.is/

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

16/08-18/08 9M2MI: Pulau Undan ILLW:MY0017 WLOL:WMA-013 WLOTA:3792
QSL 9M2YOT Direct
16/08-18/08 GB0REL: Rathlin East ILLW:UK-0055 BARLS:A6062 NTI-011
WLH:GI-001 WLOTA:0039 QSL LoTW
16/08-20/08 OX5YL: Greenland WLOTA:0072 QSL PA5YL (d/B)
16/08-18/08 SN2NP: Gdansk Nowy Port ILLW:PL-0003 QSL SP2BIK (d/B)
16/08-20/08 VK5CWL: Cape Willoughby ILLW:AU-0095 WLOTA:0869 QSL VK5PAS (d/B)
17/08-18/08 4S7LGT: Dondra Head ILLW:LK-0001 WLOL:SLI-001 WLOTA:0762 QSL Buro
17/08-18/08 CR6LH: Cabo Raso DFP:FBA-02 ILLW:PT-0003 WLOL:POR-011 QSL CT1GZB
17/08-18/08 CS2HNI: Forte do Cavalo DFP:FES-12 ILLW:PT-0012 WLOL:POR-021
QSL CT1RVM (B)
17/08-18/08 GB558VUL: England (main island) WLOTA:1841 QSL M0JEC (d/B)
17/08-18/08 II1L: La Lanterna di Genova WAIL:LI-005 ILLW:IT-0005 WLOL:ITA-177

QSL Buro
17/08-18/08 OR9W/P: Lightship West Hinder I WLOL:BEL-026 QSL ON4CB (d/B)
17/08 VE3OSR: Cabot Head ILLW:CA-0032 WLOL:CAN-067 QSL Direct/Buro
17/08-18/08 VK3VTH/7: Currie ILLW:AU-0016 WLH:VK-016 AUS-050 WLOTA:0860
QSL H/c (d/B)
18/08-25/08 AE1C/VE9: Grand Manan Island WLOTA:0082 QSL AE1C (d)
18/08-31/08 DL/PE1FJN/P: Ruegen Island WLOTA:1712 QSL H/c (d/B)
18/08-23/08 V25SB: Antigua Island WLOTA:1118 QSL N1BKB (d)
19/08-26/08 9A/IZ3GNG: Korcula Island WLOTA:1315 QSL H/c (d/B)
20/08-26/08 YW5X: Isla La Orchila WLOTA:3044 QSL DM4TI (d)
21/08-26/08 9H3MMM: Gozo Island WLOTA:0046 QSL KE1B (d/B)
21/08-26/08 9H3NN: Gozo Island WLOTA:0046 QSL W6NN (d/B)
23/08-30/08 SV5/ON6ZK/P: Nisos Kos WLOTA:1730 QSL H/c (d/B)
23/08-25/08 TM0SM: St. Marcouf DPLF:PB-052 WLH:F-061 WLOL:FRA-055
WLOTA:0060 QSL F5CWU (d/B)

6 METRES & UP -

16/08-20/08 OX5YL: Greenland NA-018 Grid:GP47PA possible 6m QSL PA5YL (d/B)
16/08-20/08 VK5CWL: Kangaroo Island OC-139 Grid:PF94 6m CW/SSB QSL VK5PAS (d/B)
17/08-18/08 ARRL 10-GHZ Cumulative 10GHz&Up 17 0600-18 2400 Local
17/08-18/08 KCJ CW Contest 50.2-50.090MHz 17 1200z-18 1200z
17/08 PZK JT65a Tropo Contest 432 MHz/Open Class 0600z-1000z
20/08 LY 1.3GHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
20/08 NRAU 1.3GHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
20/08 RSGB 1.3GHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z
23/08-25/08 TM0SM: St. Marcouf EU-081 Grid:IN99KL 6m CW/SSB QSL F5CWU (d/B)

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_aug.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

The following operations have been approved for DXCC credit:

Z81X - Republic of South Sudan
2013 Operation

T5TC - Somalia
2013 Operation

XW2CW - Laos
2012 Operation

NOTE: If you've had this rejected in a prior application, send a note to bmoore[@]arrl.org to be placed on the list for an update to your record. Also, please note the submission date and/or reference number where the rejection was noted to expedite the search for any rejected QSOs.
73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

QSLs via Bureau: 3A2MD, EF1HQ, EM7MFF, GQ1HJW, K3LR, K8CW, KB0EO, N4ZC, OE3BKC, OE3RGB, OE6CBG, OE6GND, OH0V, PY1RJ, SM4WKT, T6TL, TM0NOI, TM44RT, UN400UG, V5/DL3ZAD, VK7AC, VR2EH and W7DZX.

QSLs via Direct: 3C0E (EA5BYP), 3C6A (EA5BYP), 7P8D (ZS2DL), 8Q7KP (W4VKU), 9X0ZM (JO1CRA), D2QR (RW6HS), HD8A (HC2AQ), J75PX (AI5P), RI1ANU (ZS1OIN), TM6M (F6DHW), TO5PX (AI5P) and TX5K (N2OO/OQRS).

QSLs via LoTW: DR1A, RX6LG, T46RRC and VE3XN.

LINKS -
CIsA (Canadian Islands Award Program) at: www.qsl.net/ve3tpz/cisa/
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
NAQCC (North America QRP CW Club) at: naqcc.info/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
VEFF - Canada Flora & Fauna at: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
VEFF Yahoo! Group at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WLA (World Lakes Award) at: worldlakes.info/
WWFF (World-Wide Flora & Fauna) at: www.wwff.co/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/

BITS & PIECES -

E4, PALESTINE -
Peri, HB9IQB, will be in Bethlehem (WW Loc. KM72PA), Palestine, again signing E44PM in late August. He will be using his K2/100 and wire verticals. Logs will be uploaded daily both onto LoTW and ClubLog. QSL via LoTW preferred, also bureau or direct to HB9IQB. No specific dates were given. Website: www.hb9iqb.ch/palestine.html [DX World]

INTERNATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE LIGHTSHIP WEEKEND -
An annual amateur radio weekend event.
CONDUCTED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AYR AMATEUR RADIO GROUP, SCOTLAND.
This year's event: 17-18 August - Duration 48 hours from 0001 UTC 17.8.2013
This annual amateur radio event was started in Scotland by John Forsyth, GM4OOU, and the late Mike Dalrymple (GM4SUC), both members of Ayr Amateur Radio Group (AARG). Through the years the event has grown probably far beyond what John and Mike envisaged for it all those years ago. The fact that some 85 countries have been represented in this event since inception clearly shows that it is well on its way to becoming a premier event on the ham radio calendar.
The event evolved from the Scottish Northern Lighthouses Award Weekend (illw.net/lighthouse-nlaward.htm) a biennial event which was first held in 1993 and became the ILLW in 1998. For the history of the event see http://illw.net/index.php/illw-history and http://www.qsl.net/gm3zdh/lighthouselinks.htm for the original ILLW web site and 1998 list by Bob Dixon, GM3ZDH. Over the years it has continued to grow and to date more than 450 lighthouses and Lightships in some 50 countries around the world are participating in the event each year.
WARNING -
It has come to our notice that there is confusing information on certain other web sites relating to the timing and duration of a similarly titled event. The ILLW is and always has been held on the third full weekend in August since inception in 1995. It is NOT a contest nor does it run for a week. If you have received email soliciting your participation in an week long contest purporting to be the ILLW, please be advised that it did not originate from the Ayr Group or anyone associated with the ILLW. Some of these other web sites are also claiming that another amateur radio organisation combined with the Ayr Group to create the ILLW. This is also untrue as the Ayr Group is not and never has been associated with any other group. Please see the page on this site regarding the history of the ILLW.
EDITOR'S NOTE -
Please respect the various lighthouse awards and reference numbers offered by

DXCC country specific clubs and organizations. Each has its own rules and reference numbering system. There is no one "official" lighthouse list. Perhaps "The Admiralty List of Lighthouses"??? Even the governments of every country in the world have their own list of lighthouses and reference numbers - England and the U.K.'s "Admiralty" references, world-wide "NGA" references, Canada's "Notmar" - "Canadian Coast Guard" references, USA's "Coast Guard" references, and the list goes on. Focus on just having fun with our hobby, making contacts with lighthouse activators and working towards the various award programs. All International Lighthouse - Lightship Weekend (ILLW) reference numbers can be converted to each individual lighthouse award program that you are working towards.
PURPOSE -
The basic objective of the event is to promote public awareness of lighthouses and lightships and their need for preservation and restoration, and at the same time to promote amateur radio and to foster International goodwill. Lighthouses are fast becoming an endagered species with the introduction of Global Positioning Systems and Satellite Navigation and the automation of the light source to solar power which has resulted in the withdrawal of mangement personnel (Keepers). It is hoped that this event will highlight this situation and help prevent further desecration of these magnificent structures all around the world.
OFFICIAL LIST OF ENTRANTS -
2013 Total= 493 - http://illw.net/index.php/entrants-list-2013
This list includes all information, QSL routes and websites of the entrants. It is a rich and vast list of world-wide lighthouses and lightships!
FULL RULES AT: http://illw.net/

NORTH AMERICAN QRP CW CLUB -
John Shannon, K3WWP, writes: "I'm proud to be a member, officer, and co-founder of the NAQCC which (as I am) is devoted to promoting CW and QRP usage on the ham bands. Consider this my personal invitation to join the club and assist us in these efforts. Membership is FREE. Over 6,700 members have been signed up since the club's inception in October 2004. With its devotion strictly to QRP/CW, that makes it one of the fastest growing and largest specialty ham radio clubs in the world. CW is indeed still alive and well. For more info and/or to join the club, please visit http://naqcc.info/." [K3WWP]
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73 and Good DX!
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